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Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-18 (Canceled)

Claim 19 (New): A method for providing a scheduler object comprising:

determining a start time of a simultaneous event, the simultaneous event to include a plurality of client apparatuses;

receiving a request prior to the start time from a client apparatus to take part in the simultaneous event; and

sending a command to the client apparatus in response to receiving the request from the client apparatus if the request is received during a predetermined threshold period, wherein the command relates to starting the simultaneous event on the client apparatus.

Claim 20 (New): A method of claim 19 further comprising determining a current time.

Claim 21 (New): A method of claim 20 wherein the command includes chapter information.

Claim 22 (New): A method of claim 19 wherein the starting of the simultaneous event on the client apparatus includes starting playback of local content stored at the client apparatus.

Claim 23 (New): A method of claim 22 wherein the local content is stored on a DVD.

Claim 24 (New): A method of claim 23 wherein the command is a DVD command.

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Claim 25 (New): A method of claim 24 wherein the DVD command is based upon a decoder of the client apparatus.

Claim 26 (New): A method of claim 19 further comprising determining a second command for sending to the client apparatus.

Claim 27 (New): A method of claim 26 further comprising:
determining a time for the second command to be sent to the client apparatus; and
sending the second command to the client apparatus.

Claim 28 (New): A method of claim 27 wherein the second command includes chapter information.

Claim 29 (New): A method of claim 27 wherein the starting of the simultaneous event on the client apparatus includes starting playback of local content stored at the client apparatus.

Claim 30 (New): A method of claim 29 wherein the local content is stored on a DVD.

Claim 31 (New): A method of claim 30 wherein the second command is a DVD command.

Claim 32 (New): A method of claim 26 further comprising sending the second command based upon a lapsed time of the event.